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Container.

LAW OF SEARCH WARRANTS

Interesting Legal Points Elucidated by Judge Humphreys in Ah Chong Case.

What is an original container for opium or for any other importation upon which duties must be paid? The question came up in the Circuit Court before Judge Humphreys yesterday during the progress of the prosecution of Ah Chong, charged with selling oplum. It was a jury trial upon which the following jurors sat:

Chas. N. Rose, Eugene P. Sullivan, E. S. Cunha, Wm. M. Graham, George E. Smithles, R. A. Dexter, F. H. Armstrong, F. W. Makinney, E. Oscar White, John H. Schnael., Jacob Lando, and Geo. S. Wells. Assistant Attorney General Robbins for prosecution; Robertson & Wilder and J. T. De Bolt for

The evidence of Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth for the prosecution was to the effect that he had made a raid upon the house of Ah Chong on Liliha street several months since, but without the formality of a search warrant. He had brought away from the house several articles to be used as evidence against the defendant, including the opium preparation, pipes and other paraphernalia incidental to an opium smoker's

Officer Hanrahan who was to have been placed on the stand to show that pany. he had seen the defendant in the house at the time of the raid, was denied the privilege. Judge Humphreys in ruling upon the evidence called attention to United States statutes, 116, page 629. Under the authority cited Judge Humphreys stated in effect that articles obtained in a room, such as was intended to be produced by the prosecution, were not admissible as they were not taken under the authority granted by a search warrant.

"We have a law which provides how search warrants may be issued to police officers," said Judge Humphreys, "and they are the last officers or the last persons who should go around Nobody's rights of liberty are safe if that may be done." The authority upon which the Judge based his ruling is found in the sylla-

bus, as follows: Search and seizure of a man's private papers to be used in evidence for the purpose of convicting him of a crime, recovering a penalty, or of forfeiting his property, is totally different from the search and seizure of stolen goods, dutiable articles on which the duties have not been paid, and the like, which rightfully belong to the custody of the

The seizure or compulsory production of a man's private papers to be used in evidence against himself is equivalent to compelling him to be a witness against himself, and in the prosecution of a crime, penalty of forfeiture, is equally within the prohibttion of the 5th amendment.

The question of the right to sell imported oplum if in the original packages was brought out at the close of the trial before the arguments were presented. The opium which caused the trouble of Ah Chong was a small quantity which had been placed in the empty shell of a lichee nut. Judge Humphreys stated that under certain circumstances the lichee nut might be called an original container as he knew of instances where opium had been brought into Hawaii in shoes, in vegetables, in kerosene oil cans, etc. Attorney General Dole in reply thought it inconceivable that a lichee nutshell was the original container for opium, and it was beyond the bounds of common sense that a single lichee nutshell was the original container. The sale of liquor as the sale of opium was within police power if not contained in the original package. There was the same right to prohibit the sale of liquor and the sale of opium or anything else of like character which a State would have unless Congress, which is omnipotent, forbids it. Judge Humphreys interrupted by stating that a State cannot prohibit the sale of an article which Congress has allowed.

Mr. Dole continued with the remark that in certain states the sale of intoxleating liquors is absolutely prohibited except in the original packages. He considered the case one in which the inal package of importation.

LILIUOKALANI ANSWERS WIL-

Lilluokalani Dominis has filed a deson, in which the latter seeks to preas does or ought to entitle him to any such relief as is thereby sought and prayed for from or against this defendant. That neither the commissioner's deed nor the declaration of trust in said bill nor any copy or copies thereof, are attached to or made part of said bill. That neither the premises or agreements alleged in said bill, and of which the plaintiff by said bill seeks to have the benefit, nor any memorandum or note thereof was ever reduced to writing or signed by defendant or any per-son authorized thereunto within the badly used up. At the time of the affair the defendants put in a plea of self-de-

tion of frauds and perjuries.

GUARDIAN FOR ESTATE. Khartoum," "In Hampton Roads,"
"Ben Comee," "A Gentleman Player,"
The Hero of a."

J. M. Peenahele, representing himself the replies into English, to an extent varely heard in the local courts.

The case will be heard again this month, delivered to any part of the city.

titioned to Judge Humphreys to be appointed their guardian. By his attorneys, Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan, he makes the above representation, and further, that he is the grandfather of the following minors: Emilia, aged ten years; Kihelu, aged five years, and Ke-wiku, aged four years. The mother of the last minors being dead and their Capital Stock father, Paul Keuala, consenting to the petition. The minors have property and Capital, paid ur estate in their own right within the jurisdiction of the court, consisting of that certain piece or parcel of land sit-Question of An Original that certain piece or parcel of land sit-Patent 3.65 containing 28% acres; land described in Royal Patent 4921 to Kaahaina, situated at Kuwaokapuna, containing an area of 1.60 acres; land described in grant number 1813 to Auhea Enoch JohnsonSecretary and Kekoko, situated at Papahawaana, an area of 65 acres.

JUDGMENT FOR RAWLINS.

Judge Humphreys having heard the arties in the ejectment suit of T. W. Jonah Kumalae, Rawlins vs. Maraea K. Harbottle and William Harbottle, yesterday fied judgment in favor of the plaintiff. By the terms of the judgment plaintiff is entitled to recover of the defendants the land involved in the suit and the costs of the action. The property is described in Royal Patent 109, L. C. A. 518.

AMENDED MASTER'S REPORT. An amended report of master and eferee on the accounts of administrator de bonis non has been nied by Frank E. Thompson in the matter of the estate of Joseph Gomes, deceased. The master states that at the hearing of the matter on August 24, J. A. Magoon for the administrator, stated the accounts had been passed upon by a master. Mr. Magoon later informed him that he was in error. In order to avoid the delay incident to a new reference he has examined the accounts, hecked over the vouchers and commissions, and found them correct, renderng a balance still undistributed, of

PLANTATION SUIT DECREE.

In the equity suit of the Wahiawa ugar Co., Ltd. vs. the Waialua Agri- J. A. McCandless. ultural Co., Ltd., Judge Humphreys has filed in the Circuit Court a decree sustaining defendant's plea in abatement and ordered all proceedings estopped until the title to the Hort lands involved shall have been settled. The lands in question were made the subject of a suit on the part of the plaintiff. They claimed they had a lease on the property and that it was in possession of the Waialua Plantation Com-A suit was also instituted against the Holts by the defendants to perfect their right to a lease of the property which they aver had been inorporated into the Waialua Plantation After hearing arguments of counsel for plaintiff and for defendant,

the court says: "It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendant's plea in abatement be allowed; and that all further proceedings in said cause be suspended uptil the plaintiff's title is settled by action at law or other appropriate pro-

PODEYN HEIRS' ESTATE.

J. F. Humburg, guardian of the perons and estate of August Podeyn, Frederick Podeyn and Waldemar Podeyn, minors, has petitioned to the Cirbreaking into peoples' houses without cuit Court for allowance of final ac-He was appointed as such on May 3, 1899, in place of K. Podeyn, who resigned. He avers he has collected all sums by him known or believed to be due and collectable, and has done all a faithful and prudent guardian ought to do. . He represents the estate is indebted to him in the sum of \$164.79, but he waves all claim against the estate for this amount, and for commissions as guardian. The estate consisted of one lot on Plikol street, which with the dwelling house thereon, was sold on October 12, 1839. There is now no estate, real, personal or mixed, belonging to said minors in possession of said guardian. He asks that his bond be ordered cancelled, and his sureties thereto released from further obligation.

ESTATE OF WALTER MURRAY GIBSON.

Judge Humphreys filed a decree yes terday in the matter of the estate of Walter Murray Gibson, deceased, in which he ordered the discharge of Cecii Brown, trustee, at the latter's request. Under the provisions of the will of the late Minister of Foreign Affairs during the reign of Kalakaua, and with the consent in writing of Talula L. Hayselden, devisee thereunder, Cecil Brown executed a deed of conveyance to William H. Pain and Paul Neumann of the undivided two-thirds interest of, in and to the real and personal property of the estate of the Island of Lanai. The deed is ordered duly stamped and delivered

to the grantees therein named. Subject to the payment of the stamp duties on the deed the accounts of Cecil Brown are approved, and he is dis-charged of his trust and his sureties discharged from their obligations.

Mr. Kunst, of Hawaii and Samoa, has purchased the Gibson or Hayselden holdings on the Island of Lanal. The details are being closed. \$30,000 will accrue to the Hayseldens after all debts are paid.

MORE ARE NATURALIZED.

In Judge Estee's court yesterday the following persons were admitted to citizenship: Joe Andrade, Portugal; G. H. Schiller, Germany; H. A. Zerbe, Germany; John A. Lucas, Austria; Capt. William J. Weir, Ireland.

B. L. Marx was also admitted to practice in the United States court. BARK EMPIRE CASE AGAIN.

The case of Christian Collins et al. s. bark Empire, was on in Judge Estee's court yesterday morning. Davis & Gear, proctors for the libellant, read an order to show cause why the bondsburden rested upon the defendant to men who gave orders for the release prove that the opium involved in the of the vessel should not pay the amount present case was contained in the orig- of the decree. Kinney, Ballou & Mo Clanahan, attorneys for the libelled ship, had already filed a notice of appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, together with a bond covering the costs. It was argued by them murrer to the bill of injunction that if the Judge allowed this motion of brought against her by Charles B. Wil- Davis & Gear the appellate court would not consider the case at all because it vent the plaintiff from ejecting him from certain premises on Young and Plikoi streets. She sets forth that the said plaintiff has not in and by his said plaintiff has not in and by his bondsmen. Judge Estee took the case bondsmen. Judge Estee took the case under advisement, and will render a

lecision at 2 p. m. tomorrow. ICHI ASSAULT CASE ON.

Shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the cases of Ichi Kugichi and Ichi Hanzbro, brothers, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, a knife, was brought before Judge Humphreys. The row in which the weapon is alleged to have been used was at Iwilei some time ago, in which a Jap-

Miss Calla J. Harrison acted as Japont," "Janice Meredith," "A Name to Conjure With," "Monsieur Beaucaire," ont made to appear upon which of the Several alleged premises of the defendant relies as a ground of the relief language fluently. Her interpretations to the leading several species as a ground of the relief language fluently. Her interpretations leather sad \$ '00 Finding language fluently. Her interpretations leather sad \$ '00 Finding language fluently. Her interpretations leather sad \$ '00 Finding language fluently. Her interpretations language fluently. were satisfactory to all concerned yes-Liliuokalani asks that the bill against terday, and it was stated that the lady was prompt and incisive in her questioning of the witnesses and rendering

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